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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN  
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE (STATE 206950):

A. NO OBJECTION KENT BROWN ACCOMPANYING NEWPORT/  
NEW LONDON.

B. NO OBJECTION TO DEBATE AT YALE PER PARA C.

C. CHICAGO ARRANGEMENTS (PARA D) OK.

D. ATLANTA DATES (PARA E) OK.

E. RENT CAR (PARA F) SEPT. 1 - 18.

F. ACCEPT BULLOCK FORUM, FOR 20-30 MINUTE TALK  
FOLLOWED BY Q AND A.

2. RE PAUL COOK'S BEMUSEMENT IN PARA 3, STATE 206950:

A. OUR REFUSENIK SOURCES, WHOSE VIEWS WE WERE REPORTING,  
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WERE FOCUSING ON THE GENERAL LEVEL OF ANTI-SEMITISM  
EXPERIENCED BY AVERAGE SOVIET JEWS IN THEIR DEALINGS  
WITH AVERAGE SOVIET NON-JEWS. OUR SOURCES DO NOT  
THINK THAT ANTI-SEMITISM WAS ABSENT DURING THE STALIN  
ERA, AS EVIDENCED IN THE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF  
REGIME POLICY CITED BY PAUL, BUT THEY DO THINK THAT  
PEOPLE WERE AFRAID TO EXPRESS IT IN NORMAL SOCIAL

INTERACTION. AS INHIBITIONS HAVE DECREASED IN THE POST-STALIN ERA AND REGIME ANTI-ZIONISM HAS PROVIDED A PEG ON WHICH TO HANG ANTI-SEMITIC FEELINGS, THESE FEELINGS HAVE GRADUALLY COME TO BE EXPRESSED MORE OPENLY, OR SO OUR SOURCES THINK. WE ARE INCLINED TO AGREE WITH THEM, ALTHOUGH WE HOPE INR WILL NOT CONCLUDE FROM THAT THAT WE THINK A RETURN TO STALINISM IS JUST THE THING TO DECREASE ANTPJASEMITISM.

B. OUR "GRADUALLY INCREASING SINCE THEN" WOULD NOT PRECLUDE UPS AND DOWNS WITHIN THE 25 YEAR PERIOD IT COVERS. OBVIOUSLY, THERE MAY PEAKS AND VALLEYS WITHIN AN OVERALL UPWARD TREND. THE ISSUE IS WHETHER THE PEAKS AND VALLEYS AVERAGE OUT OVERALL TO NO CHANGE, A DECREASE OR AN INCREASE. OUR SOURCES SAY AN INCREASE. WHAT IS PAUL'S JUDGMENT?

C. THE REASON FOR USING THE WORD "SUPPOSEDLY" IN SUPPOSEDLY TRANQUIL MOSCOW" IN MOSCOW A-193 WAS, TO FLAG THE FACT THAT THE REGIME'S PUBLIC IMAGE OF MOSCOW DOES NOT ALWAYS CORRESPOND TO REALITY.

D. MUCH APPRECIATE GETTING PAUL'S VIEWS.

3. FOR WILKINSON: YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED THAT SCI HAS  
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RECENTLY BEEN UPGRADING CLASSIFICATION TO CONFIDENTIAL ON A NUMBER OF ITS CABLES REPORTING CONVERSATIONS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS. PREVIOUSLY MOST OF THESE WERE UNCLASSIFIED, OR LOU IF AN EMBASSY COMMENT WAS ADDED. HOWEVER, GARRISON, FRESH FROM HAVING TO COPE WITH NUMEROUS FOI REQUESTS IN THE DEPARTMENT, IS CONCERNED THAT CLASSIFICATION AT THIS LEVEL COULD RESULT IN LARGE AMOUNTS OF MATERIAL ON THE WORKING OF THE AGREEMENTS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS. WILL THIS SERIOUSLY AFFECT DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER AGENCIES?

4. HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FURTHER ABOUT A KENNEDY VISIT IN SEPTEMBER? TOON

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